A WOMAN'S WAY.

This can be said of a woman's way, And indeed in truth may be not denied, She loves him best whom she least can

For be you humble, she cries you nay-The key to her heart is a careless pride, This can be said of a woman's way.

Plead with her, fool, till your locks are Follow and close by her steps abide-She loves him best whom she least can

The wise man says: "I will love her, yea; But I keep my strength if she stand de-

This can be said of a woman's way. Many a swain will her smile obey,

But others this precept their path shall She loves him best whom she least can

And he who yields and comes to pray Far better indeed at her feet had died-

This can be said of a woman's way. And I, in a smiling mood I say, What fate in the old days prophesied:

"This can be said of a woman's way, She loves him best whom she least can

sway. -Ernest McGaffey, in Chicago Post.



CHAPTER X .- CONTINUED.

In the open air the squire perused his letter and, after he had done so, turning to his boys, he said:

"It is too true. In a few hours more my Clara would have been left the wealthiest widow in the state, if all accounts of Loyd's wealth be correct."

Tom thought it very strange that the | years of age, as he came running in. first thought of his father should be of nie, we will do Clarence the justice to | meester." say that he had not even thought of it when his father remarked:

"Your wife, now, Clarence, will probably inherit all."

"Poor Fannie," said Clarence, "I must go to her at once."

"We must all go," the squire said, if I tells yer?" "by the return boat. They have requested it. Clarence, you and Tom try to console your mother and sister, and get them ready for the trip. Angus Bruce the murderer! I can hardly credit

"Strange! most strange!" said Clarence: "he must have lost his mind. But for his flight, I could not believe it."

The startling vail of Clara: "Angus! Angus!" and her fainting at the knowledge that he was the murderer of her betrothed, while she had previously so well stood the shock that the news conveyed that the banker was murdered, was not understood by Lieut. Hill. This was not entirely the case in regard to the squire and Clarence.

The two men entered the house, and the squire proceeded to the stables, and ordered the carriage to the door at four o'clock to convey the family to the

CHAPTER XL

"A GUDE CAPTAIN'S PLACE IS WUTH HIS

SCHOONER. On the arrival of the Sunshine at Smithville the two detectives hurried | shine the evening of that day. ashore; nothing had been seen or heard of the Clara Belle; they had, of course. been uncertain as to whether she had been up the river or not.

Three or four pilots were standing or the wharf. To one of them Capt. Harper said:

"Piver, has the Clara Belle passed out recently?"

"At four o'clock this morning," was the reply; "she went up yesterday empty and returned the same. I was waiting till sunrise to take a brig out; she came down the river under full sail and rounded to and dropped anchor just off there, some 200 yards in the stream; she lowered a boat, and Angus went there, and didn't hail him, though I hour's time he returned. The sun was then rising, and I could see that it was Angus, but when they pulled the yawl out into the stream this time there were but two men with him. I understand he had left his cook behind-something strange about it. I hailed him this time, but he did not reply. I saw him look off up the river as he mounted the deck of his schooner. Then they raised anchor, hoisted all sail, and with a stiff breeze and the tide with them, went scudding out of the inlet. I doubt if Uncle Sam has a sloop that would overhaul them."

"You may as well go back with me, said the captain to the two officers; "the bird has flown. If I mistake not, you will nevermore see Angus Bruce."

"Has Angus fled, and for what?" "Merely for murder, Piver-for the murder of Banker Loyd, in Wilming-

standing by; "there's no one here in lost." Smithville will believe it-Angus Bruce a murderer? I say no, and I will stand afore the mon as says he is. He might

lay out a mon in self-defense, but do a murder? No!" "Here, Grissom, take this paper, read

that," said the captain, pointing to an article headed: "Horrible Murder of John Loyd, the

Banker, by Angus Bruce, Captain of the Clara Belle.' "Briggs," said one officer to the other, "let's go to the widow's house and see

what we can learn." "All right, Carr," replied the man addressed; "we may find Tobe, the cook, there, if he left him behind, but not

much can be pumped out of him."

the door and the widow herself opened it. "Pardon me, madame," said Carr, "but

"Thet is an honor I may weel be proud of, mon. What wud ye wuth Angus Bruce?" "He is a murderer, dame. He last

are you the mother of Angus Bruce?"

night murdered Banker Loyd in Wilmington." "It is a lee, mon! A wuked lee! My ain son is na murderer. Sen you wud

cotch a murderer, then best thee cotch one a wee bit nearer hame. Cotchet the young Lathrop, then belike thou wilt have the mon.'

"Why, Lathrop is the witness who

caught your son in the act." "He did na doot. He killet his uncle ahind my Angus back. I doubt not he do want hees wealth. Aye, and there be mair he wants."

"We have warrants for the arrest of Angus, dame."

"Then why dost stand dameing Margot Bruce-why don't thee cotch the

"Where is he, dame?"

"Weel, thou art a sorry mon to ask a mither where her son be, and thou full ready to hang un."

"We will surely eatch him, Mrs. Bruce—did he pass out in his schooner?" "A gude captain's place is wuth hes schooner, and if thou wult cotch the lad, why catch un-belike he is not on the sea, he is on the dry land."

"When did you see him last, dame?" "When I looket at hem with my two

"Is Tobe, the cook, here? We hear he left him behind."

"Dost want the kuke? Did Tobe cormit murder, too? Come thee in, he is at the wud pile now. I am getting too oold fer a kuke, and Angus left the boy behind. Tobe! Tobe!"

"Here I is, missis," said a coal black chunked-built darky of probably 25

"Tobe, there's oofficers searching for the wealth that Clara came so near in- your meester; they accose hem of mur- and pray. Herbert Lathrop, I can do heriting, and though the fortune of dering John Loyd. Noo, Tobe, tell the the banker would now descend to Fan- officers where ees Angus Bruce, thy "Suah, missis."

> "Mr. Hofficers, I'll tell yer right whar Mars Angus is this berry minute." "Where! Where!" exclaimed both

officers at once. "Will yer gibe me a piece of tobaccer

"Yes, if you tell no lie."

"I'll tell de God's trute, marster, but gimme de terbaccer fust." "Here!" said Carr, "take this, it's good

tobacco, too; now, where is he?" "Mars Angus is-is-in he own skin," and away he flew.

"Come on, Carr," said Officer Briggs, 'we can learn nothing here." "Mayhap my dootor wud tell thee, wudst see her-nay! nay! thou hast

enough-good riddance to thee. "Throw up the window, lass, and let the fooul air out.

"Oh, Angus! Angus! my ain son, God be with thee lad, and He wil! and He wul!" and Margaret Bruce sank weeping in a chair.

CHAPTER XII.

WHY DO YOU STAND THERE, WOMAN, STARING AT THE BED?"

On the third of June the remains of John Loyd were consigned to the grave. Squire Hill and his wife and son Clarence were present at the funeral; they had been with Fannie since the evening of the 1st, having returned on the Sun-

Clara Hill had been too much overcome to attend the funeral, as much as she may have desired to be with Fannie.

Many said that the dead man's betrothed was so much overcome by the murder, and the sad death of the man to whom she was so soon to have been united, that she was completely pros-

She was completely prostratedheart-broken would have been the word and knew that should she behold the face of the dead, she would not be able to control her emotion; not because of his death, not because of the fact that he had been murdered, but because of the knowledge that Angus Bruce was a fugitive from justice for having comashore. I was sitting in my pilot boat | mitted the deed; or rather for having | been accused of the crime. For Clara could see his form and three others | Hill in her inmost heart did not believe in the boat pulling the oars. Angus Angus guilty. "And yet," she asked herwent off toward his house, leaving the | self, "how can it be otherwise? If Her- | Herbert; she won't have you, and then, other men in the boat, but in half an | bert and Fannie caught him in the very

If she closed her eyes at night, in imagination the dead man lay before her on a snow-white couch, the sheath knife driven to its hilt in his breast, and the form of Angus bending over him; and tion; I have it! The squire before leavas he seized the shaft and drew it forth, the life blood of the banker followed it, dyeing all red! red! with blood. She saw the look of horror on the features of Angus, as he turned from the bedside with the reeking weapon clutched in his hand, and with a shriek of blended horror and despair, she would leap to her feet like a frightened deer.

at the funeral, and that her brother Tom | pily for meremained at Orton to attend her; Mrs. Hill desired to remain, but Clara insisted | Herbert Lathrop; otherwise I but fol-"What is it, captain?" asked Piver. on her going, knowing that no one else could comfort Fannie, as could her

"And mother," she said, "bring the poor, stricken dear home to Orton, we "That's a dom lie," said another pilot | must take the place of all that she has

The third day after the funeral the family were gathered in the spacious parlor of the residence of the late banker, to listen to the reading of his

There were few comments made by those present, but Abner Hill was much | agine he would not be a very safe man surprised at the goodly fortune left Herbert Lathrop, and more so at his being designated as administrator of

the will, without bond. "This," he thought, "does not com he stay aboard her, and on this coast, port with what from John Loyd's it is only a question of time until he be words I should have judged would have | captured. Now, if he would only resist been his actions, however, as the will was drawn two years ago, he doubtless since that time changed his esti- it is, all I can do is to hope for a con- dresses. The tremens cost much more government has sent troops to deal mate of Herbert, and had drawn no new Linuance of my former luck. I'll go than the goods."-Cincinnati Enquirer. with the predatory Albanians.

until his death." be 18 years of age, and the squire de- | cides with mine I'll purchase Kendal termined to keep an eye on Herbert | Of course, he'll think that I was ruled by Lathrop until that time; then he must place her in possession of her inheritance, but the bank, the banker's moneys were to be withdrawn from that institution and invested in realty, bonds and stocks-decidedly! Herbert Lathrop must be watched, and yet, as he had been remembered to the tune of \$50,000, perhaps he would deal honestly by Fannie.

"If my friend Loyd had lived another 24 hours," thought the squire, "my Clara would have been left at least half of this fortune, and I know Loyd would have preferred to have enriched her to anyone else. Well, so it all goes to Fannie and Clarence and Herbert Lathrop. Who knows-perhaps Clara may wed him. I can't understand her infatuation for Angus Bruce-why, yes, I can; he saved her life, and that fact made him a hero in her sight. I actually believe that she grieved more at the thought of his being a murderer than because of the death of her betrothed. it to you." Well, now that he is a murderer, she will soon get over that infatuation." .

At the time the will was being read, there was standing just without the open parlor door a negress. She stood a little back from the door facing, but was eagerly bent forward, her ears taking in every word of the instrument read by the lawyer, and when the clause was read leaving Herbert Lathrop \$50,-000, she clasped her hands together and muttered to herself:

"That's why you killed old marster, Herbert Lathrop. You feared that after he was married he would make a new will."

And further on, when the clause was read making Herbert the administrator | feet. of the estate, she said:

"I know enough. A nigger can't testify, but a nigger can watch and wait all of that, and I may do more."

The day after the will was read Fannie returned with the squire and Mrs. Hill to Orton. Of course, her marriage with Clarence would now be deferred.

One night ten days after Fannie's departure Herbert Lathrop was seated in the late banker's library at a desk examining his private papers and making plans for the future.

"Everything works smoothly," he said, as he brought his hand down or his knee. "Fifty thousand dollars in



my own right, and the handling of an estate of half a million for at least five months. Not till October 5 will Fannie be of age, and in five months a liberal percentage of that half million should become the property of the adminiswithdrawn from the bank.

"There is a good round sum to be invested in real estate and bonds-banking business is too confining for my temperament. I must have a more acgers, a good overseer, fine horses, a pack of hounds, and-well, either Clara Hill or Fannie for a wife. Now Clara Hill | Philadelphia Times. has got the most style, Fannie the most money. Clara would be the hardest to manage; then why not marry my lit

"Why not! that is simple enough. she is engaged to Clarence Hill. Clearly I will have to be satisfied with Clara I can't antagonize the squire and Fannie and Clarence, for they will have to aid me in capturing Clara. A plant er's life requires, first of all-a plantaing for home informed me that Kendall was for sale, and I imagine he would be pleased if I would buy it; it joins Orton, and would be the very place. I suppose it would take a hundred thousand dollars to buy the place with the slaves upon it-clearly my \$50,000 would not avail. I'll buy it, though, from funds of the estate, and if the purchase proves What wonder that she was not present | a good one, and everything turns hap-

"Why, then, I bought the property for low the provisions of the will-there's lots of pickings in this administration

"By the way, I must offer that reward, I suppose, for the apprehension of Bruce. It is rumored on the street that I'm to lo so, but everything moves off so well that I hope he will not be captured. It would be disagreeable to have to confront him-there was danger in his eve that night as he stood there, with the sheath knife in his hand, when he realized the trap I had set for him. I imfor me to encounter.

"Strange that the Clara Belle has not been located yet. Bruce evidently is aboard her, or she would have been. If

Arrived at the house, Carr knocked at | will, deferring it from time to time, down to-morrow and consult Squire Hill. It would be well to show confi-On the 5th of October Fannie would | dence in his judgment, and if it coinhim alone; now, that would be a stroke

> of policy." Here there was a tap on the library door, and Herbert started suddenly to

"Why, how the least sound startles me. I must get out of here; this house can't hold me another night. Pshaw! it's but Aunt Mag," and he sank into his seat again. "Come in."

It was Aunt Mag that entered. In one hand she held a tray, and on it was : pitcher filled with something evidently hot, as the steam was rising from its surface.

"Marse Herbert, I brings your hot Scotch."

"How is it, Aunt Mag, that you have taken to bringing me hot Scotch every night since my uncle's death?"

"Well, yer see, Marse Herbert, I always brought it to Marse John every night before he went to bed, and now since you have taken his place I brings

"Taken his place?" "Why, yes, to his very chair. There'

his hot Scotch down; you've taken his place in everything, perhaps you will take it with Miss Clara Hill." "Do you think so, Mag?" "Why should you not? it was wealth she was after, you have got it now; but

where he set, night after night, sipping

off the carpet, they're as plain as ever, let me get a rug and cover them." "Yes, cover them, Aunt Mag! cover

I thought I got all of those blood spots

Here Mag opened the bedroom door, and instantly gave a fearful scream, that brought Herbert trembling to his

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ILLUMINATED BIRDS.

Way in Dark Places. Stories of luminous birds have been related by sportsmen occasionally, but, as far as I know, exact facts and data have never before been obtained on this most interesting and somewhat sensational subject. A friend in Florida told me that he had distinctly seen a light moving about in a flock of cranes at night, and became satisfied that the light was upon the breast of the bird Another friend informed me that on entering a heron rookery at night be had distinctly observed lights moving about

among the birds. That herons have a peculiar possible light-producing apparatus is well known. These are called powder-down patches, and can be found by turning up the long feathers on the heron's breast, where there will be found a patch of yellow, greasy material that sometimes drops off or fills the feathers in the form of a yellow powder. This powder is produced by the evident decomposition of the small feathers, producing just such a substance as one might expeet would become phosphorescent, as there is little doubt that it does.

The cranes and herous are not the only birds having these oily lamps, if so we may term them. A Madagascar bird, called kirumbo, has a large patch on each side of the rump. The bitterns have two pairs of patches; the true herons three, while the curious boatluminous would give the bird a most conspicuous, not to say spectral appearance at night.

Some years ago a party of explorers entered a large cave on the island of Trinidad that had hitherto been considered inaccessible. To their astontrator. All funds are now in accord- ishment, they found it filled with birds ance with the provisions of the will which darted about in the dark in such numbers that they struck the explorers and rendered their passage not merely disagreeable, but dangerous. The birds proved to be night-hawks, known as oilbirds, and in great demand for the oil tive life. Now a planter's life would they contain, and it is barely possible suit me; a fine plantation, lots of nig- | that these birds are also light-givers. The powder-down patches of the oil birds are upon each side of the rump .-

Beethoven and the Ladies.

Beethoven never married. But it was from no defect of sensibility that the tribulations which were distributed among many successive housekeepers a wife. If love be a disease, Beethoven was always ill, or at best but convalescent. No less than 40 ladies save four has he immortalized by his dedications to them. To Bettina von Arnim-Goethe's Bettina-for whom he long cherished a hopeless passion, he one said, after trying over a composition which he had just written: "I made that for you; you inspired me with it. I saw it written in your eyes;" and this is but a specimen of the gallantries to which he was addicted. Twice at least he proposed—on one oceasion to the lady, who as he found to his mortification, was already the fiancee of his friend Hummel. That marriage would have saved him from a good many worries is certain enough; for it must be allowed that, as Emil Naumann delicately puts it, he "did not possess any aptitude for household management."-Blackwood's Magazine.

Not Mates. Freddie was sent downstairs by his commute the sentence and therefore uncle to bring up a pair of tan shoes. The youngster returned with two shoes, one of which was laced and the other buttoned. "That isn't the right pair, Freddie," said his uncle. "I can't wear either."-Harper's Round Table.

That is the Usual Way.

"Let me see," ejaculated Mr. Philip Tank, "as near as I can figure it, I only arrest and get shot without my having paid \$11 for the whisky and \$58 at the to confront him it would be well; as hospital. It reminds me of one of your

M'KINLEY'S MESSAGE.

The Expenditures of the Government Are Greater Than the Receipts.

Congress is Asked to Promptly Correct the Existing Condition-Ample Rev. enue Must Be Supplied to Meet Ordinary Expenses.

WASHINGTON, March 16 -- The president Monday sent the following message to con-

To the Congress of the United States: Regretting the necessity which has required me to call you together, I feel that your assembling in extraordinary session is indispensable, because of the condition in which we find the revenues of the government. It is conceded that its current expenditures are greater than its receipts, and that such a condition has existed now for three years. With unlimited means at our command, we are presenting the remarkable spectacle of increasing our public debt by borrowing money to meet the ordinary outlays incident upon even an economical and prudent administration of the government An examination of the subject discloses this fact in every detail and leads inevitably to the conclusion that the condition of the revenue which allows it is unjustifiable and should be corrected.

We find by the reports of the secretary of the treasury that the revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, from all sources, was \$425,868,260.22, and the expenditures for all purposes were \$415,953,806.56, leaving an excess of receipts over expenditures of \$9,-914,453.66. During the fiscal year \$40,570,467.98 were paid upon the public debt, which had been reduced since March 1, 1889, \$259,076,890, and the annual interest charge decreased \$11,684,576.60. The receipts of the government from all sources during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, amounted to \$461,716.561.94 and its expenditures of \$2,341,674.19. Since that time the receipts of no fiscal year, and with but few exceptions of no month of any fiscal year, have exceeded the expanditures. The receipts of the government from all sources during the fiscal year ending June 20, 1894, were \$372,802,-498.29, and its expenditures \$442,605,758.87, leaving a deficit, the first since the resumption of specie payments, of \$69,803,260.58 Notwithstanding there was a decrease of \$16,769,128.78 in the ordinary expenses of the government, as compared with the previous fiscal year, its income was still not sufficient to provide for its daily necessities, and the gold reserve in the treasury for the redemption of greenbacks was drawn upon to meet Some Creatures That Fly Light Their ment then resorted to loans to replenish the

In February, 1894, \$50,000,000 in bonds were issued, and in November following a second issue of \$50,000,000 was deemed necessary. The sum of \$117,171,795 was realized by the sale of these bonds, but the reserve was steadily decreased until on February 8, 1895, a third sale of \$62,315,400 in bonds, for \$65,115,-244, was announced to Congress. The receipts of the government for the fis-

cal year ending June 80, 1895, were 8390.373,-203.30, and the expenditures \$133.478,426.48. showing a deficit of \$42,805,228.18. A further loan of \$100,000,000 was negotiated by the goverament in February, 1896, the sale netting \$111,166,246 and swelling the aggregate of bonds issued within three years to \$262,315, 400. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896 the revenues of the government from al sources amounted to \$409,475,408 78, while its expenditures were \$434,678,654 48, or an excess of expenditures over receipts \$25, 203, 245, 70. the total receipts for the three fiscal years ending June 30, 1896, were insufficient by \$137 .-811.729.46 to meet the total expenditures. Nor has this condition since improved. For the first half of the present fiscal year, the receipts of the government, exclusive of postal revenues were \$157,507,603.75 and its expenditures exclusive of postal service \$195,410,000.22. or an excess of expenditures over receipts of

In January of this year the receipts, exclusive of postal revenues, were \$24,316,994.05, and the expenditures, exclusive of postal service, \$30,269,389.29. a deficit of \$5,952,305.24 for the month. In February of this year the receipts, exclusive of postal revenue, were \$24,400,997.38, and the expenditures. exclusive of postal service, \$28.796,056.66. a deficit of \$4,395,059.28. of \$186,061,580.44, for the three years and eight months ending March 1, 1897. Not only are we without a surplus in the treasury, but with an increase in the public debt there has been a corresponding increase bills have eight, which, if at times all | in the annual interest charge from :22,893. 881 20 in 1892, the lowest of any year since 1862, to \$34.387,297.60 in 1896, or an increase of \$11,

It may be urged that even if the revenues of the government had been sufficient to meet all its ordinary expenses during the past three years the gold reserve would still have been insufficient to meet the demands upon it, and that bonds would necessarily have been issued for its repletion. Be this as it may, it is clearly manifest, without denying or affirming the correctness of such a conclusion, that the debt would have been decreased in at least the amount of the deficiency and business confidence immeasurably strengthened throughout the country.

Congress should promptly correct the existing condition. Ample revenue must be supplied, not only for the ordinary expenses of the government, but for the prompt payment of liberal pensions and the liquidation of the principal and interest of the public debt In raising revenues, duties should be so levied upon foreign products as to preserve the home market, so far as possible, to our own producers: to revive and increase mauufactures: to relieve and encourage agriculture; to increase our foreign and domestic commerce; to aid and develop mining and building and to render to labor in every field of useful occupation the liberal wages and adequate rewards to which skill and industry are justly were not heaped upon the devoted head entitled. The necessity of the passage of a The imperobject I carnestly recommend that congress shall make every endeavor. Before other business is transacted let us first provide sufficient revenue to faithfully administer the government without the contracting of further debt or the continued disturbance of our finances.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

Executive Mansion, March 15, 1897. THEY DIE TOGETHER.

Gov. Bradley Refuses to Interfere in Alonzo Walling's Case and He Hangs FRANKFORT, Ky., March 16.—Walling hangs March 20. The governor made

the following endorsement on the

Walling petition: "The jury were the juages of the tection. creditability of the witnesses and the verdict should not be disturbed unless flagrantly against the evidence. The circuit court and the court of appeals reviewed the case and declined to in-

terfere. I see no reason why I should

decline so to do. "WILLIAM O. BRADLEY."

Fighting on the Servian Frontier. VIENNA, March 15 .- A band of Al banians from Uskubb, a tow: some 25 those. They are not mates. Where miles south of the Servian frontier. are the others?" The little boy looked have pillaged six villages in the vicinsomewhat puzzled for a moment, and ity of Uskubb and burned three others. then said: "I don't think you can wear In their attacks on the villages they the other pair, uncle; it isn't alike, shot 24 persons. Later the Albanians crossed the Servian frontier with the evident intention of continuing their marauding in Servia territory. They were, however, met by a force of Servia gendarmes and repulsed after a struggie, in which a number on both sides were killed or wounded. The Turkish

FIFTY-FIFTH CONGRESS

Extraordinary Session. WASHINGTON, March 16 -- SENATE-President McKinley's proclamation convening the 55th congress in extraordinary session was read immediately after the senate assembled at noon Monday. Though the session lasted until 3:25 p. m., when adjournment was taken until Tuesday, the greater portion of the time was spent in recess waiting for the house to organize. Mr. W. A. Harris, populist, appeared and took the oath of office as senator from Kansas to succeed Mr. Peffer; but the credentials of Henry W. Corbett, appointed by the governor of Oregon to succeed Mr. Mitchell (the legislature having failed to elect) were referred to the committee on priv-

ileges and elections. House-The house of representatives was fully organized Monday by the election of speaker, clerk, doorkeeper, sergeant-at-arms and other officers. It consists of 357 members. of whom 209 served in the last congress and 16 in former congresses, while 132 have never served in congress before. Politically classified, there are 206 republicans, 122 democrats, and 25 fusion silverites and populists. There were 341 of them present Monday. The vote on the election of speaker was: Reed (R. Me.), 199; Bailey (D., Tex.), 114; Bell (Pop., Tex.), 21; Newlands (Silverite, Nev.), 1. The clerks and officers of the last house were re-elected for the present congress. The rules of the last house, until further orders, were adopted. The president's message was read. Mr. Dingley introduced his new tariff bill, and the house adjourned until Thursday.

WASHINGTON, March 17.-SENATE-In the senate Tuesday one pension bill was passed and several hundred bills, public and private, were introduced and referred. There was hardly one of them which had not been on the calendar or on committee files in the last congress. When Mr. Ailison (rep., Ia.), in gentle remonstrance against the passage of one pension bill (\$50 a month to the widow of of Brig. Gen. John B. Stevenson), suggesting that its passage Tuesday would not expedite its becoming a law, and when Mr. Vest (D., Mo.) expressed his belief that it would, and that he could get action on it in the house, the Iowa senator looked incredulous and expressed his great admiration for the Missouri senator's confidence. In connection with the extension of civil service rules to the construction of public works in charge of the engineer department of the army, Mr. Frye (R., Me.) referred to those rules as "an awful outrage" and as "absolutely absurd and stupid." The senate spent two hours Tuesday in the discussion of the credentials of Mr. John A. Henderson, appointed by the governor of Florida, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration, on the 4th of March, of the term of Senator Call. An effort was made by Mr. them. But this did not suffice, and the govern- Pasco (D., Fla.) to have Mr. Henderson admitted to the seat, but it was resisted on both sides of the chamber as inconsistent with the action of the senate a few years ago in refusing seats to appointees of the governors of Wyoming, Montana and Washington. Finally Mr. Pasco yielded and permitted the matter to be referred, as were the like cases this session from Kentucky and Oregon, to the committee on privileges and elections. At 3:30 p. m. the senate adjourned till Thursday.

FATAL ST. LOUIS FIRE.

Largest Dry Goods House in the City Destroyed-Loss on Building and Stock Will Aggregate About a Million Dol-

St. Louis, March 16. - Fire broke out in the fourth floor of the building occupied by the Ely-Walker Dry Goods Co., south-west corner of Eighth street and Washington avenue, at 8 o'clock

Monday evening. Within half an hour the fire swept up the elevator shaft and all the upper floors were ablaze. Every engine in the central district responded to a general alarm. The building is seven stories and every floor was filled with merchandise. The origin of the fire is conjectural but is supposed to have been caused by crossed electric light wires. At nine o'clock the fire was pouring out of all the upper windows and had worked down to the second

The concern is the largest wholesale dry goods house in the city and their stock is valued at \$1,500,000. The building is made of graniie and thought to be the most perfect slow combustion structure in the city. Loss on the building will be \$100,000, covered by \$200,000 insurance. The dry goods

company is insured for \$1,000,000. At midnight the building was a heap of ruins. All the east wall down to the fifth story, half of the north front down to the fifth story, and all but one corner of the south wall fell to the ground. The east wall fell first, at 11 p. m., with a thunderous roar, carrying down Pipeman Gutwall, of the No. 8 hose tower, Towerman Jerry Mahon and Lineman Luke McCann. Gutwall was instantly killed and McCann bad-

ly injured. Mahon clung to the tower and was thrown through a second story window across the street receiving severe cuts. Sections of the walls fell at short intervals for half an hour but the streets had been cleared of spectators and the firemen worked from safe distances. The wreck is still burning brightly but is under control. Traffic in the tunnel was stopped though the

walls withstood the crash. A revised list of casualties made at midnight is as follows: George Gutwall, fireman, killed; Towerman Jerry Mahon, cut and bruised; Lineman Lake McCann, badly cut and bruised; Lee Smith, fireman, fatally injured: Mark Barton, porter, badly shocked; Mrs. Anna Ridge, trampled on and badly injured; Jerry Cahan, spectator,

hand cut by flying glass. W. H. Whipple, an insurance adjuster, who recently made a survey of the building and contents, estimates the loss on stock at \$750,000, as some of the stock was saved. Loss on building, \$100,000. The Scott, Force & Goodbar Hat Co. occupy the west half of the block. Damage to their stock by water and smoke will reach \$10,-000. A thick fire wall gave them pro-

It May Be M'Cord. WARREN, O., March 17 .- A telegram from Washington leads to the belief that a Mr. McCord, of Columbiana county, is slated for revenue collector for the Northern district, for which a Warren man and others are appli-

Secretary Bliss' Private Secretary. WASHINGTON, March 17 .- Secretary of the Interior Bliss to-day appointed Forest Raynor, of Brookiyn, N. Y., private secretary, vice Price Lane. Mr. Raynor was the campaign seeretary to Secretary Bliss and was formerly connected with the Fourth national bank, of New York.

Permitted to Reopen Its Doors. Washington, March 17 .- The First national bank of Sioux City, Ia., which suspended payment November 19, 1896, and was placed temporarily in

the hands of a receiver, has been per-

mitted to reopen its doors for business.